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LETTER DATED 9 SEPTEMBER 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that United States aircraft are continuing their violations of Iraqi airspace, as follows:

I.

1. United States aircraft continued to violate Iraqi airspace on 3 and 4 September 1991 for the purpose of observation and provocation through 12 sorties flown by six formations at altitudes of 2,000 to 6,000 metres and at speeds of 600 to 750 kilometres per hour.

2. United States air activity centred over the areas of Tall'afar, Mosul, Amadiyah, Dohuk and Zakho.

II.

1. Total United States air activity inside Iraqi airspace on 5 and 6 September 1991 amounted to 22 sorties flown by 10 two-aircraft formations and two solo sorties at a speed of 720 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 2,000 to 12,000 metres.

2. Air activity centred over the areas of Mosul, Arbil, Dohuk, Zakho and Amadiyah, and the purpose was observation and provocation.

III.

1. United States aircraft continued to violate Iraqi airspace on 6 and 7 September 1991 for the purpose of observation and provocation through 15 sorties flown by seven two-aircraft formations and one solo sortie at speeds of 650 to 800 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 1,500 to 6,000 metres.

2. The United States flights centred over the areas of Arbil, Mosul, Amadiyah and Dohuk.

IV.

1. Total United States air activity inside Iraqi airspace on 7 and 8 September 1991 amounted to 19 sorties flown by nine two-aircraft formations and one solo sortie at speeds of 720 to 850 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 1,500 to 6,500 metres.

2. The flights centred over the areas of Mosul, Arbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall'afar and Amadiyah, and the purpose was observation and provocation.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdul Amir A. AL-ANBARI
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